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Restraining the Generalissimo

President Kennedy is reported planning to appoint Adm. Jerauld Wright as Ambassador to the Chinese Nationalist regime on Formosa. He would replace Adm. Alan G. Kirk, who is ill. Adm. Wright formerly was Commander in Chief of United States and NATO forces in the Atlantic and has had extensive combat experience, particularly in amphibious operations. This background is said to be pertinent to his new assignment, as he will have the task of cooling the ambitions of Chiang Kai-shek and some of his officers to make war against the mainland. Presumably Adm. Wright's words will have an authoritative ring when he points out such ventures cannot be successful without massive United States support, and that the support will not be offered. Adm. Kirk is said to have explained this fully to the Nationalists, but apparently it has to be repeated every day.

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